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1. SAMUEL[1] BLAKESLEY was a planter of Guilford, Conn., in 1650, and is the ancestor of the Woodbury and Waterbury, Conn., Blakesleys. He is supposed to have been a brother of Thomas Blackly who came in the "Hopewell" from London to Massachusetts in 1635, was in Hartford, Conn., in 1641, and removed to Branford, Conn., in 1645. Bronson's History of Waterbury, Conn., (*Note*, p. 466) says "There is a tradition among his descendants, that two brothers of the same name of Blakeslee came from the West of England, designing to settle in the Plymouth Colony, and that one of them died on the passage. The other came to Plymouth, where he died in the early days of the Colony, leaving one son, who was placed with a blacksmith in New Haven, Conn., to learn the trade."

Samuel Blakesley of Wheatland, Monroe County, New York, a rather eccentric individual, prepared a manuscript history of his family, dated Dec. 30, 1822, from which a few excerpts are taken, viz.:

"Samuel and John Blakesley brothers left England, with their anvil, vice, hammers, tongs, &c., and landed at Boston, Mass., and purchased what is called Boston Neck. * * * Here they lived a few years and labored at Blacksmithing. They soon left Boston for New Haven, Samuel bought land and settled there but John his brother went northwest of New Haven with his family, near the western part of the state.

In this Blakesley family there is and has been a number of remarkable men both for strength, courage, ambition and enterprise.

My father's name was Joseph, my grandfather's name was Samuel, my great grandfather's name was Ebenezer and his father was Samuel, the first emigrant from England. These accounts I had from my father when I was young.

My grandfather Samuel was in the town of Wallingford where he lived and died, where my father lived and died and on the same farm where my brother Joseph now lives."

Then follows his family genealogy, &c., ending with an account of his services in the Revolutionary war, when only 16 years old, and various episodes of military and political life.

Undoubtedly this tradition is founded on facts, but probably some of these facts are sadly mixed and misapplied. The emigrant Samuel was probably a blacksmith, as the inventory of his estate includes "Shop Tools," 196 pounds of iron and a lot of "refuse iron." The New Haven records also show that other Blakesleys, for several generations, were blacksmiths. No record of any emigrant John is found, and it is mainly the descendants of Samuel who peopled the western part of the state.

SAMUEL[1] BLAKESLEY married, Dec. 3, 1650, Hannah Potter, daugh-

* There is not a Blakesley entry in the first and second books of New Haven births, deaths, and marriages other than those of Samuel Blakesley and his descendants, and all of these records have been incorporated into this genealogy; and every deed indexed under Blakesley, either as grantee or grantor, in the first thirty volumes of the New Haven Land Records, has been examined.

ter of John and Elizabeth Potter, of New Haven. He bought his home lot at Guilford of Henry Dowd, about 1649. Richard Hubball "was admitted a planter at Guilford, Feb. 24, 1653–4, on purchasing Samuel Blatchley's lot and accommodations." (Steiner's History of Guilford, Conn., pp. 125, 129.) He removed to New Haven between 1653 and 1657, and, by the New Haven records, died May 17, 1672. His inventory amounted to £231. 14s. 9d. Administration on his estate was granted to his widow, by the County Court, June 16, 1672. Widow Hannah Blakesley married Henry Brooks, Dec. 21, 1676. (New Haven Records.) On Jan. 3, 1676–7, Henry Brooks and his wife were warned to appear, with the children of Samuel Blakesley, before the court to give security, &c., when Samuel, being of age to choose his guardian, sought his father and mother, which the court approved and also appointed them to be guardian to Ebenezer, who was under age to choose. (County Court Records, Vol. 1, p. 99, now with the Clerk of the Superior Court.)

On Feb. 6, 1676–7, Henry Brooks and wife appeared before the court for the settlement of the estate of Samuel Blakesley, late of New Haven, deceased, and distribution was ordered,—To Hannah Brooks, relict of the deceased; to John Blakesley, the eldest son; to Samuel Blakesley; to Ebenezer Blakesley; to Mary, daughter of said Blakesley. (New Haven County Court Records, Vol. I, p. 101.)

A little more than twenty-five years after this distribution was ordered, John[2] Blakesley appears to have been anxious to protect his rights, and had the following caveat recorded:

"John Blacksle of New Haven enters his caveatt against any Record to be made or alteration of any Lands yt was formerly his father's Samll. Blacksey of New Haven, this entered May ye first 1702, he being ye eldest son of his father deceased." (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 2, p. 73.)

In Nov., 1702, "Hannah Brooks wife of Henry Brooks of New Haven, formerly widow, relict and administrator of Samuel Blakesley deceased," rendered the final account of the distribution, the eldest son John receiving the house with an acre and quarter of land. The total amount distributed was £121.3.3. (New Haven County Court Records, Vol. 2, p. 110.)

Bronson and others have erroneously said that Hannah Potter was a daughter of William Potter. No record is found of any Hannah in William Potter's children, while the court proceedings as to John Potter's estate, and the "heifer belonging to Hannah," show that John Potter had such a daughter. The will of John Potter's mother, Hannah Beecher, made in 1657, is also conclusive, as she mentions the three children of John Potter as her grandchildren, giving "to Hannah Blackly my grandchild, wife to Samuel Blackly, twenty shillings." The other grandchildren, John and Samuel, are known to have been the sons of her deceased son, John Potter, and as Hannah is named between John and Samuel, she was not only the daughter of John, but was probably his second child. William Potter was then living, and received his share by Hannah Beecher's will, and hence no mention is made therein of any of his children. But the will of Elizabeth Rose (who was formerly John Potter's wife), made July 23, 1677, about six months after Widow Hannah Blakesley married Henry Brooks, names her "daughter Brooks," which, taken in connection with the facts before shown—that Samuel Blakesley's widow, Hannah, married Henry Brooks—makes it absolutely certain that Samuel Blakesley's wife was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Potter. Widow Hannah Brooks died Nov. 7, 1723.

Children of Samuel and Hannah:

i. JOHN,[2] b. Oct. 22, 1651; d. Sept. 2, 1653. (Guilford town Records.)
2. ii. JOHN (2d), by tombstone record, b. about 1654; bapt. at New Haven, Dec. 13, 1655.
iii. MOSES, bapt. Dec. 13, 1655.
iv. MARY, bapt. Dec. 13, 1655.
v. HANNAH, b. Oct. 22, 1657. She is the first child of Samuel Blakesley recorded on the town records of New Haven.
vi. MARY (2d), b. Nov. 2, 1659; bapt. Sept. 16, 1666; m. John Thomas. John Thomas of Woodbury, Conn., formerly of New Haven, and his wife Mary, deed land in New Haven, Dec. 5, 1694, to John Blakesley, in which deed Thomas calls Blakesley his "brother-in-law." (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 1, p. 618.) Cothren says this John Thomas was in Woodbury about 1690.
3. vii. SAMUEL, b. April 8, 1662; bapt. Sept. 16, 1666.
viii. EBENEZER, b. July 17, 1664; bapt. Sept. 16, 1666.
ix. HANNAH (2d), b. May 22, 1666; bapt. as Anna, Sept. 16, 1666; d. July 8, 1669.
x. JONATHAN, b. March 3, 1669; d. July 11, 1669.
xi. A SON, b. April 1672; d. April 1672.

2. JOHN[2] BLAKESLEY (*Samuel*[1]) was born about 1654. Earlier publications have erroneously given the birth of his brother, who died at Guilford, Conn., in 1653. as the birth of this John who died at New Haven, Conn., March 12, 1712–13. He married, about 1675, Grace, daughter of Moses and Grace Ventrus, of Farmington, Conn. This is shown by the will of Moses Ventrus, on record at the Probate Office in Hartford, Vol. 6, p. 10, in which he names his "daughter Grace the wife of John Blakesley." Also by a deed appertaining to the distribution of the estate of her brother, Moses Ventrus, Jr., of Farmington, Conn., showing that a portion of the said estate was given to "ye heirs of Grace Blackley," Dec. 21, 1722. (Farmington Land Records, Vol. 4, p. 102.) A Grace Blakesley, probably widow of John, married, as second wife, John Doolittle, Jan. 29, 1717, as appears from the Wallingford town records. Grace Blackely was admitted to the first church of New Haven, Sept. 23, 1685.

John Blakesley was one of the jurymen at the New Haven County Court, in June, 1702, March 1703–4, and Nov. 1712. His will is dated March 7, 1712–13, was exhibited in Court, March 30, 1713. by his widow Grace and sons John and Moses, and is recorded in Vol. 4, page 144, as follows:

"In the Name of God Amen I John Blakely of New Haven being now sick and weak and under some appearances of my Great Change By Death Yet of Sound mind and memory Do See Caus to make and ordain this to be my Last will and testament in maner and forme following—Imps. I give my soul to God whoe Gave it through Jesus Christ my mercy full Redeemer In hopes of free redemption through his merits and my Body to a Decent and Christian Buryall according to the Discretion of my Executors hereafter named—and as for yt. temporall estate which God hath blessed me with I dispose of as followeth, after my Just Debts and funerall expenses are paid my will is that my dear and Loving wife Grace Blakely shall have the one half of my personal estate To be at her own Dispose oneiy amongst my Children according to her discretion. 2ndly that my two Sons John and Moses Blakly Shall have all my Real Estate In housing Lands and medow Respect being had to what either of them have already Received and that it be equally Divided between them both as to Quantity and Quality also my will is that my said Sons do comfortably provide for their

Mother During her Natural life. 3rd ly my will is that My Daughter Mary ford Shall have five pounds of money paid to her by my Executors out of my personall estate beside what shee hath already Recd. 4th ly as to what Remains of my personal Estate after Just Debts and Legacyes are paid my will is that it be Equally Divided between my Sons John & Moses and Anna Sperry the wife of Moses Sperry. further my will is that what I have given to my two Sons as also to my Daughters Shall be to them and their heirs and asigns for Ever. also my will is that my two sons shall have all my Rights In Commonage in New Haven to them their heirs and assigns for Ever. Lastly I Do nominate and appoint my Dear and Loving wife Grace Blakely and my sons John Blakely and my Son Moses Blakely to be my Executrix and Executors of this my Last will and Testament. In Testimony whereof I have here unto Set my hand or mark and seal this Seventh Day of March one thousand seven hundred and twelve or thirteen

In Presence of Us Witnesses
Abraham Bradley
John Munson
Theophilus Munson."

his
JOHN B BLAKLY.
mark

The inventory amounted to £527.10s.1d. His tombstone stands by the west wall in the Grove St. Cemetery, New Haven, and gives his death as March 12, 1712–13, age 59. His widow Grace died before Dec. 21, 1722, when a portion of her brother's estate was distributed to her heirs.

Children of John and Grace:

5. i. JOHN,[3] b. July 15, 1676.
6. ii. MOSES, no birth record; he is called "son" in his father's will.
iii. HANNAH (afterwards called Anna), b. Aug. 6, 1681; m. Moses Sperry, Jan. 1, 1705, son of Richard, Jr., and Martha (Mansfield) Sperry, b. Jan. 7, 1681. She died June 2, 1741. (Tuttle Family, p. 684.)
iv. MARY, b. May 15, 1683; m. Jonathan Ford, July 11, 1711.

3. SAMUEL[2] BLAKESLEY (*Samuel*[1]), born at New Haven, Conn., April 8, 1662, was a blacksmith. (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 3, p. 139.) He married, Nov. 20, 1684, Sarah, daughter of Nathaniel Kimberly of New Haven, not the daughter of Thomas Kimberly, as heretofore published. The will of Nathaniel Kimberly, dated Oct. 26, 1705, names daughter "Sarah Blakely." (New Haven Probate Records, Vol. 3, p. 78.) Thomas Kimberly was her grandfather; and "Nathaniel Kimberly, John Mallary, in right of my wife Elizabeth, Samll Blackly in right of my wife Sarah, of New Haven, Joseph Chitendon of Guilford, in right of my wife Mary, all collateral heirs of ye estate of Thoms Kimberly, late of New Haven deces[d]," convey interest to John Ball of New Haven, in a deed acknowledged Dec. 27, 1714. (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 4, p. 387.) Samuel Blakesley removed to Woodbury, where his first six children were baptized in 1697 (Cothren's "Woodbury," p. 504), but he probably died in New Haven.

His will is dated Sept. 15, 1729; son Tilley, executor, presented the will for probate at New Haven, Nov. 6, 1732. It names wife Sarah, sons Samuel, James and Tilley, and daughters Merriam, Mary, Mehitable, and Sarah. (New Haven Probate Records, Vol. 6, p. 74.)

Children of Samuel and Sarah, all recorded at New Haven:

7. i. SAMUEL,[3] b. Jan. 28, 1685; bapt. 1697; m. Jan. 2, 1709–10, Helena, dau. of Ebenezer Brown, Jr.

ii. MERRIAM, b. May 2, 1688; bapt. 1697; m. Feb. 13, 1706–7, Caleb Mallory, b. Nov. 3, 1681, son of Peter, Jr.
iii. JONATHAN, b. Jan. 6, 1690–1; bapt. 1697; probably died young; not named in his father's will.
iv. SARAH, b. Sept. 6, 1692; bapt. 1697.
v. ANNA, b. Dec. 2, 1694; bapt. 1697.
vi. MARY, b. Sept. 6, 1696; bapt. 1697; m. Oct. 29, 1717, Samuel Down.
8. vii. JAMES, b. April 27, 1699; m. in 1724, Thankfull Upson.
viii. MEHITABLE, b. Aug. 31, 1702; m. June 18, 1724, William Trowbridge.
9. ix. TILLEY, b. March 18, 1705; m. Feb. 7, 1728–9, Mary, dau. of Ebenezer Brown, Jr.; d. Feb. 26, 1789.

4. EBENEZER[2] BLAKESLEY (*Samuel*[1]) was born July 17, 1664, baptized Sept. 16, 1668, and died Sept. 24, 1735. The name of his wife in 1735 was Hannah. (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 10, p. 140.) In this volume there is a series of deeds to several of his sons, showing also that he had otherwise provided for the children to whom he did not give land, and in these deeds he names three sons, Samuel, Jacob and Thomas, of whom we have no birth records. He thus practically settled his own estate, leaving nothing for the Probate Court to put on record. He lived at North Haven, where he was prominent in Church affairs, first with the Congregationalists, and later, when the Church was established there, with the Episcopalians.

His widow, Hannah, died at the house of her son Jacob, at Waterbury, Conn., July 23, 1749. (New History of Waterbury, Vol. 1, p. 20, Ap.) She was the daughter of Thomas Lupton of Norwalk, Conn., (Selleck's "Norwolk," p. 347) and his wife Hannah Morris, born May 27, 1665 (New Haven records), as is shown by two deeds, dated March 13 and 16, 1761, by three of her sons, Jacob and Thomas, of Waterbury, Conn., and Samuel of Wallingford, Conn., to Jonathan Blakeslee of New Haven, conveying certain interests in the estate of their "Honrd. father Eben[r]. Blakeslee, Also all yt came to us by our mother Blackslee yt fell to her by her father Lupton at Norwalk." (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 23, pp. 356–7.) The births of only six of his ten children are on record at New Haven.

Children of Ebenezer:

i. ABIGAIL,[3] no birth record. Hall's Ancient Historical Records of Norwalk, Conn., p. 198, says that "John Nash, Jr., took to wife Abigail Blakely, ye daughter of Ebenezer Blakely of New Haven, May 19, 1709."
10. ii. EBENEZER, b. Feb. 4, 1685; m. Dec. 5, 1706, Mary Ford.
iii. HANNAH, b. Feb. 4, 1685. Selleck's "Norwalk," p. 347, says she m. John Nash, 2d, whom I understand to be the same John Nash that m. Abigail above.
iv. SUSANNA, b. May 21, 1689.
v. GRACE, b. Jan. 1, 1693–4; m. Oct. 13, 1718, Eber Humberston.
11. vi. ABRAHAM, b. Dec. 15, 1695; m. March 15, 1721–2, Elizabeth Cooper.
12. vii. ISAAC, b. July 21, 1703; m. May 31, 1733, Mary Frost; d. in 1767.
13. viii. SAMUEL, no birth record; m. Elizabeth Doolittle. Is called "son" in a deed dated Feb. 21, 1734–5. (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 10, p. 139.)
14. ix. JACOB, no birth record; m. June 10, 1730, Elizabeth Barnes. Is called "son" in a deed dated Feb. 21, 1734–5. (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 10, p. 140.)
15. x. THOMAS, no birth record. A deed dated Feb. 21, 1734–5, gives land to "grandson Ruben the son of my son Thomas." (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 10, p. 142.)

5. JOHN[3] BLAKESLEY (*John*,[2] *Samuel*[1]), born July 15, 1676, married first, about 1696, Lydia——, who was the mother of all his children. She was admitted to the first church at New Haven, Nov. 23, 1699; and died there Oct. 12, 1723. He married second, Aug. 6, 1724, Elizabeth, daughter of Nathaniel Potter. She died Oct. 21, 1736; and he married third, Susanna, born July 10, 1684, daughter of Benjamin Bradley, and widow of Daniel Hotchkiss. She died July 25, 1751, aged 67; and he died April 30, 1742, in the 66th year of his age. Their tombstones stand by the west wall in the Grove St. Cemetery, New Haven. He lived on Grove St., opposite College St., where the cemetery now is, and near the present entrance. His inventory, taken March 26, 1713, amounted to £527. 10s. 1d. On the first Monday in June, 1742, "Jno. Ball Exr of ye last will & testament of John Blakesly late of New Haven Decd. exhibited said instrument in this Court and Daniel Blakely and sundry others of ye children of ye Decd. offered against ye probate thereof the uncertainty of ye Will and yt three of ye children of ye Decd. (Daniel, Elizabeth and Deborah) had virtually no devise made them in ye will and ye parties being heard by their Council learned in ye law, and this Court having considered thereof is of opinion yt ye witnesses to ye Same ought now to be sworn before this Court and are accordingly Sworn whereby said instrument was proved in Court and approved for Record." (New Haven Probate Records, Vol. 6, p. 423.) The said will is dated Feb. 6, 1741–2, and names wife Susanna, son Daniel, daughters Elizabeth Alling, Deborah Alcock, Lydia Hull, Thankful Beecher and Mary Ball.

On June 8, 1742, Joseph Hull and Lydia his wife, Isaac Beecher and Thankful his wife, John Ball and Mary his wife, all of New Haven, quit claim to Daniel Blaksly of New Haven, the house in "which the said Daniel Blaksly lately dwelt," and the same day Susanna Blaksly, widow and relict of John Blaksly, gives up to the said Daniel her right of dower and thirds in the said property. (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 12, p. 142.)

Children of John and Lydia:

i. SAMUEL,[4] no birth record; bapt. April 9, 1699; probably died young. He is placed as the first child because he was the first to be baptized, but why John, who was then nearly a year old, was not then baptized, cannot be explained.

ii. JOHN, b. April 17, 1698; bapt. Aug. 11, 1700. Removed to Wallingford, Conn., where he had a blacksmith shop, and died unmarried, Nov. 26, 1723. His father, John, was appointed administrator of his estate. (New Haven Probate Records, Vol. 5, p. 162.)

iii. LIDIAH, b. Mar. 25, 1700; bapt. Aug. 11, 1700; m. July 12, 1722, Joseph Hull.

iv. ELIZABETH, b. Mar. 1, 1702; m. June 23, 1726, Stephen Alling, b. Oct. 3, 1704, son of James and Abigal Alling, of Wallingford, Conn. (Alling Family, p. 103.)

v. ANN, no birth record; d. Nov. 10, 1723.

vi. THANKFUL, b. Jan. 17, 1706-7; m. Jan. 11, 1737–8, Isaac Beecher.

vii. SAMUEL (2d), b. Jan. 3, 1708–9. He is not named in his father's will.

viii. DANIEL, no birth record. His father gave him all his lands in Farmington, Conn., which probably came from the Ventrus estate (Farmington Land Records, Vol. 5, p. 162), and other lands in New Haven (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 8, p. 367), calling him "son" in both deeds; and he quitclaimed to three of his sisters his interest in John Blakesley's estate, June 8, 1742. (New Haven Land

Records, Vol. 11, p. 420.) He married Merriam, daughter of Thomas Hodge. (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 9, p. 118.) Eight children are recorded to him at New Haven: 1. *John*[5], b. Oct. 1, 1732. 2. *Zilpah*, b. June 24, 1734. 3. *Daniel* b. May 9, 1736. Two children are recorded to one Daniel Blakesley at Farmington, Conn., 1759 and 1762. He had a wife Hannah, Nov. 18, 1761. (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 24, p. 120.) 4. *Merriam*, b. June 9, 1738. 5. *Simmy*, b. Feb. 10, 1739–40. 6. *David*, b. April 30, 1741. 7. *Jason*, b. March 26, 1747. 8. *Rachel*, b. Oct. 4, 1751.

ix. Deborah, b. Mar. 15, 1713; m. Jan. 14, 1729–30, John Alcott, and removed to Wolcott, Conn., in 1731, where she died Jan. 18, 1790. They were the first to settle within the limits of that town, lived in a log cabin, had twelve children, and twelve hundred acres of land. She was called "the queen bride." (Orcutt's History of Wolcott, p. 231–2, and 427.)

x. Abigail, b. May 14, 1717. No other record.

xi. Mary, b. April 5, 1720; m. (1) Feb. 8, 1737–8, John Ball; m. (2) Philip Rexford; and d. about 1799. (Tuttle Family, pp. 142–3.)

6. Moses[3] Blakesley (*John*,[2] *Samuel*[1]) married, Jan. 1, 1701–2, Mary Benton of Hartford. He lived at North Haven, where he was a member of the church, 1728–1739; and was called Sergeant Moses, and later, Deacon Moses. He removed to Waterbury, Northbury Society (Plymouth, Conn.), where he was Deacon in 1740. Of the 293 Incorporators of Plymouth, 1795, there were 18 Blakesleys, the largest number of any one name, the next highest being eleven. (Atwater's History of Plymouth, Conn., p. 10.) On Feb. 18, 1760, Moses Blakeslee, of Waterbury, gives land in New Haven to his four daughters, "Sarah Munson ye wife of Thos. Munson of New Haven, Hannah Todd ye wife of Ithamer Todd of sd New Haven, Phebe Cook ye wife of Eben[r] Cook of sd. Waterbury, and Marah Upson wife to Benj. Upson of sd Waterbury." (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 23, p. 342.) All but one of his children are recorded at New Haven.

Children of Moses and Mary:

i. Moses,[4] b. Sept. 5, 1702. His father deeds him a part of his house and home lot at New Haven, April 3, 1726; and Moses, Jr., conveys the same back to Moses, Senr., Nov. 26, 1726. The latter is entered in the margin as Sergt. Moses. (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 7, pp. 118 and 292.) Moses, Jr., died Nov. 28, 1726, only two days after he signed this deed.

ii. Aaron, b. Apr. 25, 1704.

iii. Abner, b. Jan. 25, 1705; d. Nov. 21, 1726.

iv. Sarah, b. March 31, 1708; m. (1) Jan., 1733, Ephraim Baker of Woodbury, Conn.; m. (2) before Dec. 30, 1751 (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 15, p. 79), Thomas Munson, b. Aug. 18, 1698, son of Thomas. (Munson Family, p. 102.)

v. Jesse, b. March 30, 1710; m. Deborah, dau. of Josiah and Abigal Todd, who was b. March 17, 1721–2. (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 18, p. 10.) He lived at North Haven. Seven children are recorded at New Haven: 1. *Sarah*,[5] b. Sept. 20, 1742. 2. *Job*, b. May 28, 1744. 3. *Cloe*, b. May 19, 1745. 4. *Josiah*, b. Jan. 1, 1746–7. 5. *Obed*, b. Dec. 5, 1748. 6. *Dinah*, b. Aug. 14, 1750. 7. *Jesse*, b. June 30, 1753.

vi. Dinah, b. Jan. 21, 1711–12.

vii. Job, b. Dec. 8, 1713.

viii. Job (2d), b. Dec. 18, 1714.

ix. Aaron (2d), b. Feb. 18, 1716–17; m. July 29, 1740, Esther Andrews, probably not his first wife. She was dau. of Gideon Andrews, and on Dec. 8, 1747, was called "his present wife." (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 13, p. 283.) He lived at North Haven in 1750. (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 16, p. 331.) He had children: 1. *Abner*,

b. May 24, 1741. 2. *Patience*, b. Dec. 25, 1742; m. 1763, Jesse Alcox, son of John and Deborah (Blaksley) Alcott, and grandson of No. 5. 3. *Gideon Andrews*, who d. Mar. 6, 1759; the first record of double naming found in the Blakesley family.

x. HANNAH, b. Mar. 25, 1718–19; m. Ithamer Todd.

xi. PHEBE, b. Mar. 12, 1721-22; m. 1744, Ebenezer Cook.

xii. JOHN, b. Dec. 15, 1723; settled in Waterbury, Conn.; m. Mar. 4, 1745. Olive Curtis. Had eleven children. (New History of Waterbury, Vol. 1, p. 20, Ap.)

xiii. MARAH, b. Jan. 29, 1726–7; m. Nov. 17, 1743, Benjamin Upson. (New History of Waterbury, Vol. 1, p. 140, Ap.)

xiv. MOSES (2d), b. 1728; removed to Waterbury; m. Sept. 24, 1753, Hannah, dau. of John and Elizabeth Dunbar, of Wallingford, Conn., who was b. April 20, 1733. Had four children. (New History of Waterbury, Vol. 1, p. 20 Ap.)

7. SAMUEL[3] BLAKESLEY (*Samuel*,[2] *Samuel*[1]), born Jan. 28, 1685, baptized in 1697, married Jan. 2, 1709–10, Helena, daughter of Ebenezer Brown, Jr., of New Haven. He removed to Woodbury, with his father, about 1697; and died in 1653.

Children of Samuel and Helena:

i. THANKFULL,[4] b. Oct. 20, 1714; bapt. Nov., 1714; m. Mar. 8, 1739, Elijah Baker.

ii. SAMUEL, bapt. Nov. 23, 1718; was known as Dea. Samuel. (Cothren's "Woodbury," p. 504.)

8. JAMES[3] BLAKESLEY (*Samuel*,[2] *Samuel*[1]), born April 27, 1699, married Sept. 15, 1724, Thankfull, daughter of Stephen and Mary (Lee) Upson, of Waterbury, Conn. He conveyed land in New Haven, Mar. 9, 1758, to his son "Tilley," of Waterbury, that he bought of his "brother Tilley now of Woodbury." (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 21, p. 243.) He died June 12, 1784.

Children of James and Thankfull (taken partly from New History of Waterbury):

i. RUBEN,[4] b. Jan. 18, 1725–6; m. Hannah Upson. Had two children.

ii. TILLEY, b. June 10, 1728.

iii. MEHITABLE, b. Aug. 12, 1732.

iv. JAMES, b. Feb. 3, 1735–6; removed to New Haven, and m. July 14, 1755, Anna Bradley, probably daughter of Nathaniel Bradley, Jr., and b. April 4, 1736. He and wife Anna, of New Haven, convey, Jan. 12, 1761, to Daniel Lyman, interest in land that was "our grandfather Nathaniel Bradley's right in the middle division." (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 23, p. 127.) *Reuben*[5], son of this James, m. Jan. 20, 1762, Rhoda Griswold of New Haven. (New Haven Records, Book 2, p. 156.)

9. TILLEY[3] BLAKESLEY (*Samuel*,[2] *Samuel*[1]), born Mar. 18, 1705, married Feb. 7, 1728–9, Mary, born in 1706, daughter of Ebenezer Brown, Jr. She died Feb. 26, 1789; and he died Aug. 3, 1769. He and his wife Mary signed several deeds, 1730–1734, naming their father Ebenezer Brown, Jr., and grandfather Ebenezer Brown, Senr. (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 8, p. 455; Vol. 9. p. 447.) He removed to Woodbury, Conn., before Aug. 9, 1734. (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 10, p. 1.) Three children are recorded at New Haven; the rest appear in Tuttle Family, p. 640–1, and Cothren's "Woodbury," p. 504.

Children of Tilley and Mary:

i. MARY,[4] b. July 25, 1729; d. July 25, 1748.

ii. TILLEY, b. June 14, 1731; m. Mar. 16, 1758, Mary Baker, who d. April 28, 1792.
iii. JONATHAN, b. Feb. 3, 1732-3.
iv. JUSTUS, b. Mar. 9, 1735.
v. SARAH, bapt. Aug. 5, 1739.
vi. DAN, bapt. June 14, 1741; m. Mar. 3, 1768, Eunice Booth of Reading, Conn.
vii. ELEANOR, bapt. Sept. 18, 1743; m. Zaccheus Weller.
viii. EBENEZER, bapt. Oct. 22, 1745.
ix. DAVID, b. July 25, bapt. July 30, 1749; d. July 10, 1821; m. Feb. 28, 1776, Phebe, dau. of Thomas and Phebe Hall. Had eleven children.

10. EBENEZER[3] BLAKESLEY (*Ebenezer*,[2] *Samuel*[1]), born Feb. 4, 1685, married Dec. 5, 1706, Mary, daughter of Matthew and Mary Ford, of New Haven. On Jan. 4, 1750-1, Ebenezer and Mary Blakeslee deed "land laid out to Mary Ford." (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 15, p. 416.) He lived at North Haven. Administration on his estate was granted to his son Ebenezer, the first Monday of Jan., 1761. Distribution was made April 15, 1761,—to Ebenezer, Jonathan, Mathew, Hannah, and Desire Taylor. (New Haven Probate Records, Vol. 9, pp. 451 and 504.) Mary, wife of Ebenezer, died Aug. 13, 1760.

Children of Ebenezer and Mary:

i. MATHEW,[4] b. Oct. 25, 1707; d. Jan. 26, 1707-8.
ii. DESIRE, b. Nov. 1708; m. Dec. 26, 1727, Elnathan Taylor.
iii. EBENEZER, b. May 12, 1711; m. May 17, 1731, Jemima, dau. of William and Mary (Abernatha) Tuttle, who was b. May 25, 1673. She d. Aug. 13, 1760. (Tuttle Family, p. 225.) His estate was probated the first Monday in Feb., 1771. Elizabeth Blakeslee and Capt. Abraham Blakeslee, executors. Will mentions wife Elizabeth, and "my children," but does not give their names. (New Haven Probate Records, Vol. 11, p. 138.) He was called "Ebenezer Blakeslee Jr., Jr.," to show that he was younger than Ebenezer, Jr. (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 10, pp. 51 and 109.) He had ten children, eight of whom are recorded at New Haven: 1. *Content*,[5] b. Aug. 5, 1731 (Tuttle Family); m. Jan. 14, 1749-50, Joseph Woolcut. 2. *Abel*, m. Mary——; d. before June, 1766, when his estate was distributed to his widow, and his "seven brethren and sisters." (New Haven Probate Records, Vol. 10, pp. 341 and 392.) It is by this distribution that we place him and his sister *Content* as children of Ebenezer, and also learn the name of the husband of *Jemima*. 3. *Lydia*, b. May 1, 1733; m. Nov. 6, 1759, Daniel Bradley. 4. *Jotham*, b. July 4, 1736; m. Jan. 18, 1758, Hannah Todd of New Haven. Estate probated at New Haven, 1792. Widow and relict Molly. (New Haven Probate Records, Vol. 15, p. 467.) 5. *Seth*, b. Dec. 10, 1738; m. (1) Sept. 7, 1761, Phebe, dau. of Gershom and Hannah (Mansfield) Todd; m. (2) Dec. 8, 1772, Jemima, dau. of Ezekiel and Susannah (Merriman) Tuttle, who was b. Jan. 13, 1746. (New Haven records; and Tuttle Family, pp. 235, 250 and 702.) 6. *Ebenezer*, b. Feb. 17, 1740-1. 7. *Ebenezer* (2d), b. Feb. 27, 1745-6; m. Dec. 29, 1763, Martha Bush of New Haven. 8. *Jemima*, b. June 25, 1748-9; m. —— Bradley. 9. *Isaiah*, b. Aug. 26, 1751. 10. *Icobed*, b. Sept. 2, 1753.
iv. JONATHAN, b. Sept., 1713; m. Mar. 21, 1733-4, Dorothy Balee (New Haven records), dau. of —— Balee and wife Eleanor (Luddington) of East Haven, and granddaughter of William, Jr., and Martha (Rose) Luddington. (Dodd's "East Haven.") On Jan. 13, 1738-9, Jonathan Blakslee of East Haven, deeds to Gideon Potter land which "was said Jonathan Blakeslee's grandfather Luddington's lot." (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 11, p. 3.) This was his wife's grandfather. His maternal grandfather was Matthew Ford.

Jonathan's estate was probated in 1792. (New Haven Probate Records, Vol. 16.) He had six children recorded at New Haven, and one at Wallingford : 1. *Submit*[5], b. Feb. 18, 1736–7. 2. *Eber*, b. July 21, 1739. 3. *Desire*, b. April 16, 1744. 4. *Baily*, b. Feb. 14, 1744–5, at Wallingford; removed to Farmington, Conn. 5. *Jonathan*, b. July 23, 1746. 6. *Esther*, b. Oct. 26, 1748. 7. *Titus*, b. Jan. 31, 1750–1.

v. MATHEW (2d), b. Dec. 10, 1715; m. Dec. 27, 1736, Roda Beach. (Wallingford Records.) The birth of eight children, and death of one other, are recorded at New Haven: 1. *Macock*[5], b. Nov. 17, 1739; d. Aug. 21, 1753. 2. *Oliver*, b. Aug. 15, 1741. 3. *Matthew*, b. Aug. 11, 1743; d. Jan. 2, 1761. 4. *Phebe*, b. Aug. 25, 1745; d. Oct. 26, 1750. 5. *Mary*, b. Sept. 6, 1747. 6. *Rufus*, b. April 19, 1749; m. Sept. 12, 1771, Esther Brownson of Farmington, Conn. She m. second, before April, 1781, Waitstill Munson. (Munson Family, p. 328.) 7. *Phebe* (2d), b. Feb. 22, 1750–1. 8. *Jordan*, b. Oct. 23, 1752. 9. "*Cearfull*, ye dau Mathew," d. Dec. 1767.

vi. MARY, b. June 15, 1718; d. Dec. 7, 1725.

vii. HANNAH, b. Jan. 17, 1720–1.

viii. SETH, b. April 11, 1725; d. April 13, 1725.

11. ABRAHAM[3] BLAKESLEY (*Ebenezer*,[2] *Samuel*[1]), born Dec. 15, 1695, married Mar. 15, 1721–2, Elizabeth Cooper. She was daughter of John Cooper of New Haven, and was born Feb. 18, 1694. Abraham Blakesley and Elizabeth his wife, Mary Cooper and Thomas Cooper all of New Haven, convey, Mar. 16, 1724, to "our Honored father, Mr. John Cooper," certain interests in the estate of their "brother John Cooper late of New Haven deceased." (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 7, p. 336.) His will was probated the third Monday of April, 1759, and was dated April 16, 1739. His "friend Caleb Atwater and loving brother Isaac Blakesle," executors. He was probably a shoemaker, as the inventory includes a shoemaker's shop, also "farm where John Blakesley, son of the decd. lives and farm where Zophar Blakesley son of the decd. lives." Distribution, July 2, 1759,—to Widow Elizabeth, to John Blakeslee, Abraham Blakeslee, Zophar Blakeslee, Jude Blakeslee, Stephen Blakeslee, and Joel Blakeslee. (New Haven Probate Records, Vol. 9, pp. 239, 259, 278.)

He died Mar. 6, 1759. "Mrs. Elizabeth who was wife to Mr. Abraham Blakeslee, dec.," died Jan 2, 1776. (New Haven Records, Book 2.)

Children of Abraham and Elizabeth, recorded at New Haven:

i. JOHN[4], b. Feb. 2, 1724–5; m. March 4, 1746–7, Lydia Bradley, b. 1724, dau. of Nathaniel and Ruth (Dickerman) Bradley. (Dickerman Genealogy, p. 178.) Had three children recorded at New Haven: 1. *Lydia*,[5] b. Feb. 19, 1747–8. 2. *Jonah*, b. Sept. 8, 1750. 3. *Eunice*, b. Nov. 12, 1753.

ii. ABRAHAM, b. Oct. 22, 1727. He was captain of a Military Company in the second regiment, and was complained of before the General Assembly, in Mar. 1775, for "being disaffected to this Government," and was cashiered. This is the first record found of a reprimand for being loyal to the King. (Colonial Records, Vol. 15, p. 54.) His estate was probated at New Haven, Sept. 10, 1785. Distribution Nov. 21, 1786,—to *Edward*[5] and *Abigal* Blakesley. (New Haven Probate Records, Vols. 14, p. 420. and 15, p. 76.)

iii. ZOPHAR, b. April 21, 1730. Estate probated in 1798. (New Haven Probate Records, Vols. 19 and 20.)

iv. STEPHEN, b. Sept. 24, 1732; m. (1) Jan. 11, 1758, Lydia Blakesley, dau. of No. 15. She d. Aug. 23, 1766; and he m. (2) Nov. 25, 1766, Rachel Allin. He d. Mar. 20, 1768. (New History of Waterbury, Vol. 1, p. 21 Ap.)

v. JUDE, b. March 31, 1735; m. Nov. 13, 1758, Experience Blakesley, dau. of No. 15. Had ten children. (New History of Waterbury, Vol. 1, p. 20 Ap.) His eldest daughter, *Abi*[5], m. Jesse Humaston, and became the "Patron Saint" of the Thomaston (Conn.) Chapter, D. A. R.
vi. JOEL, b. Dec. 11, 1737; d. July 15, 1738.
vii. JOEL (2d), b. June 30, 1739; m. May 3, 1762, Martha Sacket of New Haven.

12. ISAAC[3] BLAKESLEY (*Ebenezer*,[2] *Samuel*[1]), born July 12, 1703, married May 31, 1733, Mary, daughter of Ebenezer and Mary (Tuttle) Frost, who was born Feb. 25, 1710–11. Isaac Blakeslee and Mary his wife, *et al*, convey, April 23, 1750, their interest in the "inheritance of our Honrd father Ebenezer Frost late of New Haven decd." (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 19, p. 186.) He lived at North Haven. His will, made June 6, 1765, was probated the first Monday in March, 1768. His son Isaac, and Lieut. Abraham Blakeslee, executors. The will names wife Mary, and refers to "leather that is tanned or tanning." Inventory dated at North Haven. (New Haven Probate Records, Vol. 10, pp. 493 and 521.) Six of his children are recorded at New Haven.

Children of Isaac and Mary:

i. ISAAC,[4] b. Feb. 28, 1733–4; m. Nov. 23, 1752, Lydia, dau. of John and Deborah (Blakeslee) Alcott, who was b. Nov. 24, 1730, granddaughter of No. 5. He d. Nov. 16, 1814.
ii. MARY, b. Oct. 13, 1735; m. April 8, 1757, Eliphalet Pardee. (Tuttle Family, p. 26; and Orcutt's "Wolcott," p. 536.)
iii. SARAH, b. May 13, 1738; m. Benjamin Pierpont.
iv. HANNAH, b. Aug. 29, 1741; m. 1759, Joseph Holt.
v. ABIGAIL, b. Oct. 13, 1746.
vi. BULAH, b. Nov. 19, 1748; m. Ambrose Barnes of Cheshire, Conn.; d. April 19, 1822. He d. Mar. 22, 1831.
vii. RUTH, b. Feb. 8, 1757, according to Tuttle, but there appears to be too long an interval between her birth and that of Bulah. (Tuttle Family, pp. 25 and 26.)

13. SAMUEL[3] BLAKESLEY (*Ebenezer*,[2] *Samuel*[1]) was born in 1697, and buried Sept. 5, 1761, age 64. He was probably a blacksmith, and lived in Wallingford, Conn., where he removed about 1719. On Feb. 19, 1718, Ebenezer gave land in Wallingford to his "well beloved son Samuel Blakeslee of New Haven." (Wallingford Land Records, Book 3, p. 174.) Lois Blakesley Hall (Mrs. Seth J. Hall) says that this land has been in the Blakesley family ever since, until about a year ago. Samuel is also called "loving son" in a deed of gift, Feb. 21, 1734–5; and he calls Ebenezer his "Honrd father," and refers to his mother's "father Lupton," in a deed dated Mar. 16, 1761. (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 10, p. 139; and Vol. 23, p. 357.) He married Elizabeth Doolittle, daughter of Daniel Doolittle, as shown by a deed dated April 12, 1737. (Wallingford Land Records, Vol. 8, p. 5.) Daniel Doolittle married, May 3, 1698, Hannah Cornwall, and had Elizabeth, born Oct. 15, 1700. (Wallingford Records.) Samuel Blakesley's will, dated Sept. 2, 1761, was probated the third Monday of Sept., 1761. Joseph Blakeslee, executor. The will names wife Elizabeth, son Joseph, to whom he gives his "shoping geer so called" (blacksmith shop?), daughters Hannah and Phebe Blakeslee, Susanna wife of Andrew Parker, Elizabeth wife of Gamaliel Parker, Abigal wife of Elijah

Ockly (Ackly), Zurviah wife of Nathaniel Ives, Thankfull wife of Justus Holt, and Merriam wife of Joshua How. The inventory amounted to £206. 6. 11. (New Haven Probate Records, Vol. 9, pp. 595 and 622.) Elizabeth Blakeslee, of Wallingford, Conn., made her will Feb. 7, 1770, and it was probated the third Monday of April 1772; Elijah Ackley, of East Haddam, executor. "Adm. granted said Ackley in right of his wife dau. of the said decd." The will names her eight daughters, son Joseph, and son-in-law Gamiel Parker. Distribution was to Joseph Blakèslee, Elizabeth Parker, Susanna Parker, Abigal Hackly, Zeruiah Ives, Thankfull Holt, Merriam How, Hannah Marks, and Phebe Barnes. (New Haven Probate Records, Vol. 11, pp. 237 and 376.) The last two daughters had changed their names since the date of their father's will, 1761. The names of children are from Wallingford records, New Haven Probate Records before cited, private correspondence from descendants, Bailey's Conn. Marriages, Book 4, p. 59, and Davis's History of Wallingford, Conn., p. 656. Obedience and Jemima, given by Davis, are the children of John and Elizabeth Beecher.

Children of Samuel and Elizabeth:

i. SUSANNA,[4] b. Mar. 15, 1719; m. April 27, 1736, Andrew Parker; removed to Adams, Mass.
ii. ELIZABETH, b. July 8, 1721; m. Gamaliel Parker. Both died at Wallingford.
iii. ABIGAL, b. Sept. 8, 1723; m. Elijah Ackley of East Haddam, Conn., and died there.
iv. ZERVIAH, b. Jan. 16, 1726; m. Nov. 8, 1744, Nathaniel Ives. They removed to New Hartford, Conn., where they died.
v. A daughter, b. Nov. 1, 1728; d. Nov. 17, 1728.
vi. THANKFULL, b. Nov. 26, 1729; m. April 26, 1749, Justus Holt, son of Joseph and Abigal (Curtis) Holt, who was b. Oct. 19, 1720.
vii. JOSEPH, b. April 1, 1732; m. April 1, 1759, Lois, dau. of Stephen and Sarah (Hart) Ives, who was b. Jan. 9, 1737.
viii. MARIAM, b. Oct. 4, 1735; m. Oct. 14, 1756, Joshua How. She removed to Wells, Vt., and m. second, —— Butler, Esq.
ix. HANNAH, b. June 15, 1741; m. Dec. 23, 1762, James Marks of Wallingford, Conn.
x. PHEBE, b. July 1, 1744, m. Moses Barnes of Wallingford, Conn.

14. JACOB[3] BLAKESLEY (*Ebenezer*,[2] *Samuel*[1]). No birth record. He married June 10, 1730, at New Haven, Elizabeth Barnes. He lived in New Haven until about 1740, when he removed to Waterbury, Conn. In a deed Mar. 13, 1761, he is described as of Waterbury. (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 23, p. 356.) He died March 25, 1767.

The first four of his children are recorded at New Haven, and the last two at Waterbury. (New History of Waterbury, Vol. 1, pp. 19 and 20 Ap.)

Children of Jacob and Elizabeth:

i. ABNER,[4] b. May 13, 1731; m. (1) Sept. 25, 1755, Thankfull, dau. of Samuel Peck; m. (2) Feb. 19, 1786, wid. Mary Noble. He d. Nov. 29, 1791. (Wolcott, Conn., Records.) Had eleven children.
ii. ANNE, b. Oct 6, 1733; m. Amos Bronson, grandfather of Amos Bronson Alcott.
iii. GAD, b. Dec. 13, 1735; d. May 17, 1767.
iv. ASHER, b. May 23, 1738; m. Oct. 26, 1762, Mary, dau. of John Humaston of Litchfield. Had five children.
v. NOAH, b. Dec. 31, 1740.
vi. SARAH, b. Aug. 10, 1743.

15. THOMAS[3] BLAKESLEY (*Ebenezer*,[2] *Samuel*[1]), born in 1700, married at Sunderland, Mass., Mary, daughter of Richard Scott. They resided at New Haven, Conn., until about 1731, when they removed to that part of Waterbury, Conn., that is now Thomaston. He was appointed the first Captain of the "Northbury (Plymouth) Train Band," 1740. (Chapter Sketches, Conn. D. A. R. Patron Saints, p. 395.)

His father, Ebenezer, gave land to Reuben Blakesley, "my grandson the son of my son Thomas," on Feb. 21, 1734–5. (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 10, p. 142.) Thomas was living at Waterbury, Conn., Mar. 13, 1761, when he and his brother Jacob convey interest in land "that came to us by our Honrd. father." (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 23, p. 356.) Four of his children are recorded at New Haven; others are from the New History of Waterbury.

Children of Thomas and Mary:

i. DAVID,[4] b. Nov. 7, 1722; m. (1) Nov. 29, 1743, Phebe, dau. of Caleb Todd, of New Haven. (New Haven Land Records, Vol. 26, p. 101.) She d. Oct. 4, 1744; and he m. (2) May 18, 1752, Abigal, dau. of John How. Had eight children.

ii. REUBEN, b. Mar. 19, 1724–5; m. Sept. 19, 1748, Mary, dau. of Barnabus Ford. Had six children.

iii. MOSES, b. June 30, 1727; m. Nov. 17, 1746, Mehitable, dau. of Gideon Allyn. Had eleven children.

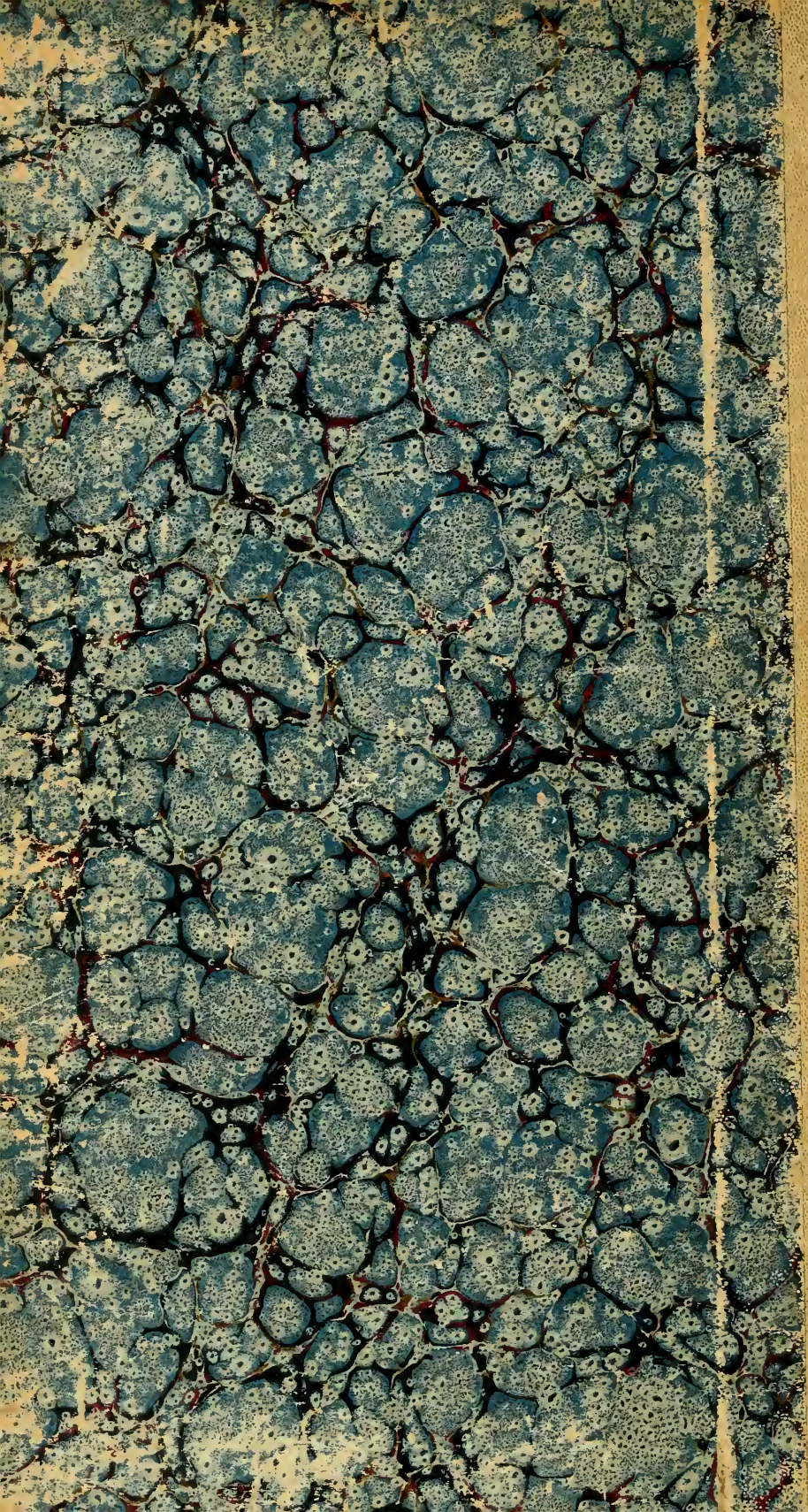
iv. MARY, b. Sept. 7, 1729; d. Dec. 2, 1750.

v. SUBMIT, b. 1732; d. June 17, 1750.

vi. EXPERIENCE, b. Jan 3, 1734–5; m. Nov. 13, 1758, Jude Blakeslee, son of No. 11.

vii. LYDIA, b. July 6, 1737; m. Jan. 11, 1758, Stephen Blakeslee, son of No. 11. She d. Aug. 23, 1766.

viii. ESTHER, b. Aug. 6, 1739.

ix. ABIGAL, b. Dec. 22, 1741; m. Jacob Potter.

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